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ABSTRACT

In 1994, the U.S. population included an estimated 22.6 million immigrants, over one fourth of whom were from Mexico. Family networks play a crucial role in immigration. Based on a national symposium, this book includes 15 chapters that examine the role of the family in international immigration and the impact of migration on families and children. Initial chapters address broad trends in the origins and types of immigrants to the United States; the diverse family patterns of immigrants; and implications for human, social, and political capital. Part 2 looks at the experiences of immigrant children and families and the impact of migration on child and adolescent development and on family structure and processes. The final chapters focus on U.S. immigration and immigrant policies, as well as potential effects of proposed changes in welfare policies. Chapters are: (1) "Ties That Bind: Immigration and Immigrant Families in the United States" (Ruben G. Rumbaut); (2) "Immigrant Generations" (Leif Jensen, Yoshimi Chitose); (3) "Migration and the Dynamics of Family Phenomena" (Guillermina Jasso); (4) "Immigrant Families at Risk: Factors That Undermine Chances for Success" (Mary C. Waters); (5) "The Psychological Experience of Immigration: A Developmental Perspective" (Cynthia Garcia Coll, Katherine Magnusonl); (6) "Research Perspectives on Constructs of Change: Intercultural Migration and Developmental Transitions" (Luis M. Laosa); (7) "Factors That Impact Developmental Outcomes of Immigrant Children" (Mary Lou de Leon Siantz); (8) "Immigration and Sociocultural Change in Mexican, Chinese, and Vietnamese American Families" (Raymond Buriel, Terri De Ment); (9) "Understanding Family Change across Generations: Problems of Conceptualization and Research Design" (Charles Hirschman); (10) "The Concept of 'Bicultural Families' and Its Implications for Research on Immigrant and Ethnic Families" (Nazli Kibria); (11) "Asian Immigrant Variables and Structural Models of Cross-Cultural Distress" (Gargi Roysircar

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